



Attorney Docket No. 39351.8002.US01

Ifw

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on:

Date: January 29, 2007

By: 

Rena lov

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: BI, XIAOLI ET AL.

APPLICATION No.: 10/625,444

FILED: JULY 22, 2003

FOR: **METHOD, CODE, AND SYSTEM FOR  
ASSAYING JOINT DEFORMITY**

EXAMINER: DAMON M. CONOVER

ART UNIT: 2624

CONF. No: 7956

**Status Inquiry**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

Please provide us with the present status of the above-identified application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on November 30, 2005, which was the last communication with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Perkins Coie LLP

Date: January 29, 2007

  
James J. Zhu, Ph.D.  
Registration No. 52,396

**Correspondence Address:**

Customer No. 34055  
Patent – LA  
Perkins Coie LLP  
P.O. Box 1208  
Seattle, Washington 98111-1208  
Phone: (310) 788-9900  
Fax: (206) 332-7198